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COMMITTEE HERE TO VIEW COLLEGE

LAWMAKERS ARRIVE TO
INSPECT LOCAL INSTI-
TUTION.

COME TO COLUMBUS
FROM THE A. AND M.

Spent Afternoon Looking Over
the College Buildings and
Grounds.

The legislative committee appointed to investigate the different educational institutions of the state arrived in Columbus yesterday afternoon, having come here to look over the Industrial Institute and College with the view of acquainting themselves not only with general conditions prevailing at that splendid institution but with its needs and requirements.

The committee is composed of Hon. J. S. Howerton, of Lee county, Hon. Frank Robertson, of Pontotoc county, Hon. R. E. L. Southerland, of Prentiss county, Hon. John Taylor, of Lamar county and Hon. Taylor Keys, of Panola. These gentlemen arrived over the Mobile and Ohio railroad, having come from Starkville, where they spent Saturday morning inspecting the A. and M. College.

Upon reaching Columbus the members of the committee went directly to the college, and devoted the greater part of the afternoon inspecting the plant, their inspection having included both buildings and grounds. They were cordially received by President Whitfield, Secretary Gaston and other officials of the college, and were afforded every possible facility to make their inspection thorough and complete.

It is not believed that there is anything wrong with the Industrial Institute and College or any of the educational institutions supported and controlled by the state, and the principal object of the Legislature in creating the committee was to ascertain definitely the requirements and needs of these institutions. Bills providing for support funds for the state colleges during the ensuing biennial period will soon come before the lawmakers for consideration and the report submitted by the committee will enable them to vote intelligently on these bills.

Mr. Jake Kaufman will leave today for eastern markets, where he goes to purchase spring and summer stock for Kaufman Brothers, "The People's Money Savers."

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GLIT OF NEWS FROM OVER THE
COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF
FORM.

After a careful perusal of the President's speech, Representative Percy C. Quinn, who has become known in congress as one of its most radical pacifists, has decided upon a diametric change in his position. He asserted Friday that so thorough is his conversion he expects to be as active in support of the President's program in the future as he has been in giving aid to its opposition in the past.

When shown a copy of the "R. M. V." letter found on the person of Capt. Fritz von Papen, the recalled military attaché of the German embassy at Washington, when he was searched by the British at Falmouth, Dr. Paul Roh, German consul, Thursday admitted that he wrote it. The letter had been ascribed to Baron Ernest von Meysenbug, former acting German Consul here, and had made him the subject of unfavorable criticism.

Belvidere Brooks, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph Co., died suddenly at his home Friday of heart trouble. He had been in poor health for several months.

Officers and passengers of the steamer Evangeline, which arrived from Bermuda, said that nothing was known at the island when they left late Tuesday of the reported capture of the German cruiser Drake. They said there were two British cruisers at Hamilton, but that the names were painted out.

COURT TERM WILL NOT BE ABOLISHED

SUPERVISORS YIELD TO
PRESSURE OF BAR
ASSOCIATION.

RESOLUTION OF
BOARD RESCINDED

Members of Bar Think No-
vember Term Necessary and
Urged its Retention.

Following the recent action of the board of supervisors in adopting a resolution calling upon the Mississippi Legislature to enact a law providing for the abolition of the November term of circuit court, the Columbus Bar Association held a meeting Friday morning, and decided to officially request the county solons to rescind their action, and these gentlemen acceded to the request by rescinding the resolution.

Gen. E. T. Sykes, the president of the organization, presided over the meeting, and Attorney R. M. Holmes officiated as secretary. Hon. F. C. Owen, the official scribe, having been unavoidably absent.

The matter was discussed at some length, and a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to go before the county solons and request them to reconsider their action was finally adopted. The motion, which was offered by Mr. C. H. Hale, provided that the president of the association be included in the committee, and the other members named by Judge Sykes were Mr. J. L. and Judge Beverly Matthews. This committee formally presented the request to the supervisors after the meeting of the bar association adjourned, and the request was granted.

During the progress of the meeting a letter from Hon. T. B. Carroll, of Starkville, presiding judge of the Sixteenth circuit court district, was read by Hon. J. W. Lovington to his fellow attorneys. The letter dealt with the proposed abolition of the November court term, and was very helpful to members of the bar association in reaching a conclusion as to what action they should take in the matter. A motion providing that Judge Carroll be asked for permission to publish the letter was adopted.

There has for quite a long time been much diversity of opinion regarding the necessity of the November term of circuit court. The session is primarily for the transaction of civil business, and many well informed public officials and private citizens maintain that it is a needless expense to the county, contending that all litigated matters could be easily disposed of at the two terms which are held in April and September. That local attorneys consider the term necessary, however, is evinced in the action taken at their meeting Friday.

It is perfectly natural that members of the local bar should oppose the abolition of the term, as frequent court sessions are advantageous to them and their clients. When a litigant files a suit he always wants action thereon at the earliest possible moment, and frequent sessions of court mean speedy trials. The necessity for the term has long been a mooted question, and it seems to have now been definitely settled.

Creditable Work.

The building of the Columbus Auto Company at the corner of College and Sixth streets, which has recently been remodelled, is being painted by Messrs. Peck and Lamb, who have determined to make the job an unusually thorough one and with this end in view, are giving it their personal attention. Both members of the firm are practical men who know the painting business in all of its details, and who make a specialty of jobs which require the display of knowledge, discretion and skill.

When the improvements now being made are complete the company will have a building that would do credit to Birmingham, Memphis, or any other city of similar size, and not only Mr. Samuel Kaye, the owner, but every Columbian, will have just cause to feel proud of it.

There will be a call meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association on next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the eighth grade room at Franklin Academy.

Mr. M. L. Connell left yesterday for Chicago, where he goes to take a special course in window decorating in the Koester School.



FRENCH DELIVER ATTACKS TO RE-CAPTURE OLD POSITIONS

BRITISH DENY CRUISER WAS
SUNK BY GERMAN TORPE-
DO CRAFT.

London, Feb. 12.—Except for the Artois region in France and the Volhynian and East Galician sections of the Russian line, the virtual inactivity that has prevailed for several days continues.

The Italians and Austrians are keeping up their artillery duels on the Austro-Italian front, despite the heavy storms in the mountain region and here and there deliver infantry attacks without any appreciable results.

In Albania the Austro-Hungarians have occupied Tirana, a short distance to the northeast of the port of Durazzo, and also dominating heights in that region.

Petrograd says the Russians continue to make progress against the Turks, and that all attempts by the Ottomans to assume the offensive are being put down by Russian fire. Bombardments of Turkish positions on the Black Sea coast are being continued by Russian torpedo craft. On the other hand Constantinople asserts that the fighting between the Turks and British in Mesopotamia is progressing favorably for their arms.

Hard fighting is in progress near Vimy, where the French are endeavoring to recapture positions taken recently by the Germans. Berlin reports that four French attacks have been put down and that a French offensive south of Somme resulted in a failure.

Official denial is made in London of a claim by Berlin that German torpedo boats sank off the Dogger Bank a British cruiser. The denial indicates that it was one of four mine-sweeping vessels that was sunk.

Two Features at the Princess.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday, February 14th, is the World Film Corporation's latest feature, "The Sins of Society," featuring the noted star, Robert Warwick, and big cast. It is a modern society drama in five reels, and we promise that you will be delighted with it. Admission for Monday 5c and 10c.

As a special attraction for Tuesday, February 15th, we offer the Paramount Famous Player feature de luxe, "The Spider," a story of modern French society life, featuring the noted actress, Pauline Frederick, as the society vampire. This is conceded to be the most lavishly staged production that Paramount has offered in months, and Miss Frederick wears thousands of dollars worth of beautiful gowns. It is a powerfully compelling story of woman's dominating spirit over man. It tells of life, real life, as it is. There will be a specially arranged musical program by the Princess orchestra.

The admission for Tuesday night is children 10c; adults 20c.

A Correction.

The Commercial erred last Thursday morning in referring to two meetings which are soon to be held here. The article in question stated that the mothers' congress and the meeting which is to be held to promote home science and home improvement would take place synchronously, when in reality they are two separate meetings. The meeting to promote home science, which will be held under the auspices of the extension department of the Industrial Institute and College, will take place February 21, while the mothers' congress, which will be held under the auspices of the patrons' and teachers' associations of the city, will be held March 29 and 30.

"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER" SLAIN IN FINANCIAL BATTLE

COMPANY BOOKED TO APPEAR
HERE THURSDAY NIGHT DIS-
BAND AT TUSCALOOSA.

"The Chocolate Soldier," a musical comedy booked for an appearance at the Columbus Theatre last Thursday night, failed to fill the engagement, having gone to pieces at Tuscaloosa.

Hard times and consequent poor patronage proved a strong enemy to the sacharine soldier and his subservient satellites, and after a gallant struggle they surrendered to the superior forces of Gen. Mammon. It is said that the ghost had failed to walk for several weeks. Members of the company could not subsist on "chocolate," so they decided to return to New York, which is the Mecca of all stranded Theatians.

The company appeared last Tuesday night in Birmingham, where they received flatting press notices and in its failure to appear here local theatregoers missed an opportunity to witness what promised to be a most entertaining performance.

Mr. Landrum Valedictorian

Mr. William Landrum has been named as valedictorian of the class which will graduate from the Franklin high school at the close of the present session and will deliver the address at the annual commencement exercises, which will take place at the Columbus Theatre. Mr. Landrum is a brilliant speaker, and comes by his forensic ability naturally, being a son of the late Hon. Z. P. Landrum, who was generally recognized as one of the most eloquent lawyers who has practiced at the local bar in many years.

A departure from an old established custom will take place at the forthcoming exercises, when the graduates will appear in caps and gowns. Heretofore the young ladies have been gowned in white, while dress suits were worn by the young gentlemen, but this year they will appear in the regularly prescribed garb of college graduates.

MR. HENRY C. LONG DIES AT HIS HOME IN BLUFF CITY

FORMERLY LIVED IN COLUM-
BUS, AND BODY WILL BE
INTERRED HERE.

Mr. Henry C. Long, a former resident of Columbus, who, for a number of years past has been living in Memphis, died at his home in that city late yesterday afternoon.

Deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. W. B. Hamilton, a well known Columbian, and that gentleman having been informed that his relative was seriously ill, was en route to Memphis, when he received a telegram stating that Mr. Long had died.

Mr. Long was well known to many of our older citizens. He lived here a number of years, and married Miss Lucy Hamilton, a member of a prominent local family. He was about 70 years of age, and his death resulted from heart trouble. He is survived by his widow and numerous relatives.

The body will be brought here for interment and the funeral will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal church some time Monday, the hour not having yet been announced.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Clark and little son, William Allen, of Meridian, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Clark.

GARRISON RELINQUISHES PLACE AS WAR SECRETARY

PRESIDENT DISAGREED ON
PREPAREDNESS PLAN.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Secretary of War Garrison resigned this afternoon, and President Wilson accepted his resignation, which was said to be chiefly because it became apparent that Congress would not accept the continental army plan and that President Wilson would not irrevocably support the continental scheme. Secretary Garrison also opposed the administration's program of setting a definite time for Philippine independence.

President Wilson has not settled on a successor, and probably will assume personal charge of the administration defense plans in Congress.

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge also resigned for the same reasons.

Major General Scott, chief of staff, automatically becomes secretary of war, ad interim. It is said that the chief reason for Secretary Garrison's conviction that only a federal continental army, instead of a reorganized national guard, could be the main United States military defense, was his belief that the United States may be called on to defend the Monroe doctrine, and that he saw that the national guard was not available outside the United States before a declaration of war.

Lyceum Number Enjoyed.

A very enjoyable program of music was given in the college chapel Wednesday evening when the Lyceum management presented Miss Eva Egerton, a talented young soprano from West Virginia, and Miss Edna Gockel-Gussen, of Birmingham.

Miss Egerton has a voice of very pleasing quality which gives evidence of much training. Her program was a varied and interesting one, and met with enthusiastic applause. Mrs. Gockel-Gussen played two delightful numbers and as encores gave the C sharp minor waltz of Chopin, and a prelude of Liszt.

The two artists very generously gave a short program at the chapel hour on Thursday.

The following program was given: Wednesday evening:

1. Rondo Capriccioso, Mendelssohn.

2. (a) The Star, Rogers; (b) La Colomba (Folk Song of Tuscany), Schindler; (c) Phyllis Has Such Charming Graces, H. Lane Wilson; (d) Spring Awakening, Sanderson.

3. (a) Psyche, Woman, of Mine, Paladine; (b) Chanson Indoue, Rimsky-Korsakov; (c) Polonaise (Mignon), Thomas.

4. (a) Irish Tune, (b) Shepherd Hey, Grainger.

5. (a) Aria de Mimi, (La Boheme), Puccini; (b) Im Kahna, (La Lauf der Welt), (d) Ein Schwab, (e) Dein Rath ist Wohl Gut, Greig.

6. (a) Love Was Wings, Rogers; (b) The Bitterness of Love, Dunn; (c) Retreat, (d) To a Messenger, La Forge.

Out for More Business.

I am writing Fire Insurance for two of the oldest and most reliable companies in the world. One 80 years and the other 124 years of honorable and successful business record. Assets of \$24,000,000. Will appreciate a share of your business.

Office with F. R. Simms, in Odd Fellows' building. I-mo.-2-13. Gid. D. Harris.

Mr. T. L. Lloyd entertained a number of his friends at a star supper at his home near Begg Oak Friday evening. Those who enjoyed the affair were Messrs. Allison Hardy, Grady Stephenson, Arrington Johnson, Taylor and Couchman.

ODUM MIS TO HAVE HEARING TUESDAY

MAN WHO SHOT LOLLAR
WILL FACE TRIAL IN
CALEDONIA.

WILL ENTER PLEA
OF SELF DEFENSE

Odum Receives Flesh Wound,
and Declares that Lollar
Fired First Shot.

Mr. C. M. Lollar, a prominent planter of the Caledonia neighborhood, who was shot by Mr. C. M. Odum in a personal difficulty last Wednesday afternoon, succumbed to his wounds about noon the following day, and Mr. Odum, who is now in the county jail here, will have a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Dale at Caledonia Tuesday on the charge of murder.

The shooting occurred near Mr. Odum's house, and is said to have resulted from a dispute over business matters between the two men. It seems that Mr. Odum was a tenant on a plantation owned by Mr. Lollar, and had not paid an amount due him for rent last year. Mr. Lollar, so it is understood, visited the home of his tenant last Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of collecting the money, and in discussing the debt both became angry, the shooting having followed a heated verbal combat which lasted several minutes.

Several members of the Odum family witnessed the difficulty and it is said that their testimony will support the plea of self defense which he intends to submit. Mr. Odum received a flesh wound, having been shot in the leg, and it is understood that he will contend that Mr. Lollar fired the first shot, thus seeking to make him the aggressor.

Sheriff Williams and Deputy Sheriffs Vandiver and Nickels are to be commended for the zeal which they displayed in investigating the shooting. As soon as news of the tragedy reached Columbus Mr. Williams and Mr. Vandiver jumped in an automobile and started for Caledonia. On reaching Mullin's store, however, they met Constable R. W. Wiggins, who had Mr. Odum in charge and was bringing him to this city. It later developed that Mr. Odum, having been wounded, necessarily retired to his home, and it was there that Constable Wiggins found him and placed him under arrest. Upon reaching Columbus the party found Deputy Sheriff Nickels waiting at the jail to receive the prisoner, who was incarcerated therein.

Mr. Odum has engaged Hon. E. M. Holmes, a young young member of the local bar, to defend him, while District Attorney G. J. Rencher, of Kemper county, will conduct the prosecution.

The funeral of Mr. Lollar occurred at Bigger cemetery in the Caledonia neighborhood at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, having been conducted by Rev. Gregory. Deceased was one of the best known men in the section in which he resided, and a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the obsequies.

Deceased was 37 years old, and is survived by a large number of relatives, his immediate family consisting of his widow and ten children. Other surviving relatives are his father, Mr. John Lollar, and seven brothers, among them being Mr. A. L. Lollar, a prominent merchant of this city.

Will Give Valentine Party.

The Woman's Store's valentine party, exhibit and sale of advanced spring styles of suits, spring coats, waists and novelties in new spring fabrics, occurs tomorrow (Monday) morning at 9 o'clock, and continues through Wednesday of this week.

The store has been appropriately decorated for the occasion. About 1500 heads are being used and the very prettiest and choicest of the season's best styles and materials will be on display. Special values will be offered in the new spring goods. There was a shipment of silk poplins received yesterday which will be on sale as specials at \$5.75, \$6.75 and \$7.50. There will be special values in plain and fancy voiles, embroidered voiles and marquettes, silk and cotton goods, linens, white goods and other good values.

Dainty refreshments will be served to the guests Monday and Tuesday from 10 to 5 o'clock. You and your friends are cordially invited to come. R. E. Leigh.

TO START NIGHT SCHOOL HERE SOON

TEXT BOOK INSTRUCTION
AND PHYSICAL CULTURE TO BE GIVEN.

LOCAL MINISTER
HEADS FACULTY

Rev. W. S. Slack Will Direct
School, and Will be Assisted
By Local Educators.

Not daunted by the apparent failure of previous efforts to establish a night school for those who have to work in the day and so are unable to attend the public schools, or for those who have had to work from their earliest years and were unable to obtain the rudiments of an education an effort will be made to hold a twelve weeks' session of the school beginning on Tuesday, February, 20th.

The teaching force for the present will consist of young ladies from the I. L. & C., under the guidance of Miss Helen Hutchcraft, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., who, with Prof. W. V. Frierson, Jr., principal of the city schools and Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Church will have the general supervision of the work. Through the trustees a room has been obtained at the Franklin Academy and all sessions of the school will be held in this central and public place.

Instruction will be given in the "Three R's," Spelling and History on two nights in the week. On Tuesday and Thursday nights classes in gymnastics and physical culture will be given. The session from 7 to 8 p. m. being given to the girls and from 8 to 9 to the boys and young men. The girls will be taught Swedish movements and other beneficial and health giving exercises by some of the students in gymnastics at the college, while the boys and young men will be under the care of Prof. Brooks, of the college, who will instruct them in "setting up" exercises and the usual course followed in military training. In this way we will do our part towards preparedness.

It is hoped that once a week there will be a lecture given on a subject of vital interest to the community; many of these lectures will be illustrated with stereopticon or other views and will be given by those qualified to speak. These will be free to all those taking the courses at the night school.

There is need for such a school in Columbus and the people of the city are fortunate in having such an advantageous arrangement made for them.

K.O.F.P. TO CELEBRATE 52ND ANNIVERSARY OF ORDER

PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD
AT CASTLE HALL NEXT
TUESDAY EVENING.

In response to a request from the Supreme Commander, the members of the Tanglefoot Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, will on next Tuesday evening hold a public meeting at Castle Hall on South Market street in honor of the fifty-second anniversary of the order.

A large number of Pythians from neighboring towns will be here for the occasion, and a most interesting program will be rendered. Several addresses will be made, Hon. B. A. Lincoln acting as master of ceremonies. Mr. J. I. Sturdivant will speak on "Fraternalism," and Mr. Gid D. Harris will deliver an address on "Protection." Several musical numbers will be rendered, Miss Annie Neilson acting as accompanist. Besides a number of solos by the Pythian quartet, Mrs. M. F. Flood and Miss Mary Lou Peyton will sing. The program committee is composed of Messrs. Arthur Stansel and C. M. Reeves.

After the meeting the guests will be entertained at the Princess theatre.

Mr. Tommie Lewis, of Memphis, spent several days the past week in Columbus, the guest of Hon. and Mrs. J. I. Sturdivant. Mr. Lewis is a son of Rev. T. W. Lewis, former pastor of the First Methodist church in this city, and was given a cordial welcome by his many friends during his stay here.